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### **BROKEN ARROW ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL**

The Encore Series 2005-2006

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### **TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA CLOSSES SEASON FOR ENCORE SERIES**

In the final event of the 2005-2006 Encore Series, the Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council is presenting the big band sounds of the The One and Only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Monday, March 6, 2006, starting at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the North Intermediate High School Auditorium, located at 808 E. College, just off Main Street.

Tickets for the show are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Seating is general and doors open at 7:00 p.m.

In big band history, The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra is recognized as one of the best all-around dance bands. Dorsey was also a master at creating warm, sentimental moods. And when it came to creating legends, look no further than Frank Sinatra. His career blossomed with Dorsey, and vice versa. With the vocals of Old Blue Eyes, the band became more successful than ever.

In fact, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra has played with the likes of Jack Leonard, Sy Oliver, Jo Stafford and more, playing such remarkable hits as "Embraceable You," "Swanee River," "There Are Such Things" and the biggest hit of all, "I'll Never Smile Again."

Now, the group is led by Buddy Morrow, who is recognized as one of the all-time great trombone players. He has played over the years not only with big bands, but in the world of symphonic music and jazz groups. Once forming his own band after World War II, Buddy formed a friendship with Dorsey that lasted throughout the years.

Now the conductor of "The One and Only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra," he insists the band retain the authentic sound and style of the late Tommy Dorsey and still have the elasticity to meet every musical situation. The band plays not only the classic "big band" music, but also embraces Dixieland, rhythm and blues, progressive jazz, ballads and contemporary tunes.

Tickets for The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra are available at all three Arkansas Valley State Bank locations in Broken Arrow (Main Street, 121<sup>st</sup> & Elm and 51<sup>st</sup> & Mingo in Tulsa), two RCB Bank locations (71<sup>st</sup> & Garnett and Kenosha between Lynn Lane & 193<sup>rd</sup>) and Arrow Flowers at 213 South Main in downtown Broken Arrow.

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